

Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-8, 27-37 and 42-49 are pending in this application. Claims 1-3, 7-8, 30-37 and 42-49 have been cancelled without prejudice. After amendment, claims 4-6 and 27-29 remain. Reconsideration of the application as amended herein is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(a)

Claims 1-3, 7-8, 30-37 and 42-49 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by, or under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious over Neinhaus. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-3, 7-8, 30-37 and 42-49 without acquiescence in the correctness of this rejection and without prejudice to renew in a continuation application, thereby rendering this rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claims 4-6 and 27-29 are allowed. Since claims 4-6 and 27-29 are the only claims remaining, Applicant respectfully submits that this application is now in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable action on the merits of the claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the undersigned can be reached at (650) 614-7660.

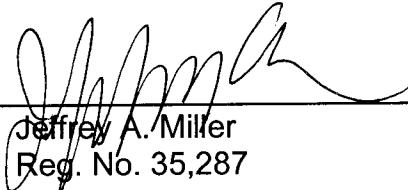
The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this Amendment to deposit account No. 15-0665.

Respectfully submitted,

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